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ANNUAL REPORT

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Selectmen, Treasurer,

— AND —

Superintending School Committee

— OF THE —

Town of Kingston,

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1881.

EXETER, N. H.:

THE EXETER GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.

1881.

INVOICE, April 1st, 1880.

Resident Real Estate,	\$195,110
Non-resident Real Estate,	100,283
No. Polls, 302, value of polls,	30,200
Horses, 193, value of horses,	8,430
Neat Stock, 377, value of neat stock,	7,696
Stock in banks and other corporations,	15,000
Carriages over \$50,	585
Stock in trade,	5,900
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit	[19,560
Value of Mills,	4,100
No. of sheep, 108, value of sheep,	319
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	\$387,183

TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,	\$852 00
Town tax,	1000 00
County tax,	1273 61
School house tax, Districts No. 3 and 6	51 00
School tax,	745 50
Highway tax,	387 18
Per cent added,	93 11
49 dogs taxed,	49 00
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Total taxes for 1880 on Collector's book,	\$4,451 40

RATE OF TAXATION.

State, County, town and school taxes, \$1.06 on	\$100 00
Highway tax ten cents on	100 00
The Selectmen have also received and paid into the Treasurer the following sums :	
Railroad tax from the State,	225 74
Savings Bank tax, "	119 22
Literary fund "	65 12
From the County of Rockingham,	138 00

	\$548 08

The Selectmen charge themselves with approving the following expenses, for the year ending March 1, 1881, the same to be paid by the Town Treasurer :

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid Prudential Committee of Dist No. 1, \$143 74	
" " 2, 280 06	
" " 3, 209 35	
Cora M. Carter, agt. for Dist. No. 5 in	
Newton, No. 4, 39 67	
Prudential Com. of Dist. No. 5, 129 09	
" 6, 176 64	
Total, \$978 55	

Derived from the following sources :

School tax from the town,	\$745 50
Literary fund from the State,	65 12
Interest on school fund from the town,	75 93
Dog tax for 1878 and '79,	92 00
Total, \$978 55	

PARSONAGE MONEY FOR 1880.

Paid Universalist Society,	\$131 79
Methodist "	81 59
Congregational Society,	75 31
Christian Advent, "	11 66
Advent Millennial,	2 69

	\$303 04
Derived from the interest on Parsonage fund,	312 00

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid G. W. Sanborn school money No. 3 for 1879,	\$51 86
C. B. Clark and R. W. Peaslee, committee on repairs of school house, Dist. No. 3,	225 00
Goodrich & Stevens, road maker and castings,	107 49
Wingate & Shaw, printing reports for 1879,	17 00
C. T. Thyng, agent G. A. R., decorating soldiers' graves,	35 00
Thos. Oakes, repairs on E. Page's wagon,	2 60
F. A. Woodman, cleaning Town Hall,	2 00
Geo. E. Lane, books and stationery,	5 30
W. R. Clough, truckage of road-maker,	1 00
T. O. Reynolds, returning 22 births and deaths,	5 50
G. W. Sanborn, " 12 "	3 00
J. H. Dearborn, " 7 "	1 75
L. D. Peaslee, wrench and stationery,	1 45
C. E. Cilley, twenty trips with hearse, " making and recording taxes,	30 00
" " school house tax, Dists. 3 & 6,	16 00
State bounty on ten hawks,	4 00
C. E. Cilley, labor, material, freight and cartage, repairing and painting Town Hall,	2 00
W. H. Mitchell, repairing conductors on Town Hall,	78 90
L. D. Peaslee, lead, putty, and glass for Town Hall,	4 36
	10 99

Paid C.N. Colbath, six chairs and one table for Town Hall,	6 00
Kelly & Gardner, two picks and handles,	2 50
L. G. Hoyt, books furnished and freight on even exchange of books,	9 29
L. G. Hoyt, school notices,	.90
W. H. Fitts, for two sheep killed by dogs,	8 00
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	\$631 89

DOG TAX.

49 dogs,	\$49 00
Abatement on eight dogs,	8 00
Paid for one sheep killed and one damaged,	8 00
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Dog tax remaining in Treasury,	\$33 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. J. Cilley, services as Selectman,	\$50 00
“ “ as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
“ cash paid moving Benj. Severance,	75
“ services in A. J. Dearborn tragedy, including journey to Portsmouth,	10 00
“ services in extension of cemetery,	2 00
“ enrolling soldiers,	1 00
John P. Sanborn, services as Selectman,	40 00
“ Overseer of the Poor,	4 00
“ collecting and returning agricultural statistics to the State,	6 00
“ services and horse hire in Dearborn tragedy,	8 00

"	services in viewing, getting information, and revising inventory of woodland and real estate in 1880,	6 00
"	in extension of cemetery,	4 00
"	cash paid for expressage and stat'n'ry,	2 00
"	services in collecting and recording evidence on damages claimed,	2 00
Isaac W. Silloway,	services as Selectman,	40 00
"	services as Overseer of Poor,	10 00
"	looking over woodland and revising inventory,	8 00
"	services on extension of cemetery,	2 00
"	" on Dearborn tragedy,	8 00
Isaac W. Silloway,	horse hire during year,	8 00
"	" for cash and sundries,	13 25
Louis G. Hoyt,	services as S. S. Committee,	25 00
Benj. F. Cram,	collecting taxes,	89 03
"	" journey to Concord to pay State tax,	3 00
Walter S. Clark,	services as town clerk,	35 00
Saml. Webster,	services as town treasurer,	25 00
Geo. F. Quimby,	services as supervisor,	6 00
Saml. E. Woodman,	" "	2 50
John B. Hanson	" "	8 25
Jesse P. Marshall,	" "	11 25
Auditors for 1879 and 1880,		4 00
		\$443 03

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

Paid L. G. Hoyt, services Angenette Silloway and David Wilson case,	\$21 70
Jos. Silloway, care and house rent for Angenette Silloway and David Wilson	5 00
T. O. Reynolds, medical attendance on "	10 00
E. L. Cheney, labor and expense "	12 50
S. E. Woodman, services as sheriff "	5 50
Jere Webster, house rent for Benj. Severance seventeen weeks,	8 50
B. F. Rowe, journey to Exeter for coffin for D. Reynolds,	2 00
John C. Eaton, digging grave for D. Reynolds,	2 00
Stephen S. Webster for County,	52 00
Bakie Bros. mdse. for Gale house,	1 02
" goods delivered Benj. Severance,	6 50
" " Joseph Webster,	7 50
" " Angenette Silloway,	2 52
" " Gilman Dow for Co.,	2 50
Wm. Winslow, support of child of E. C. Carter and Sylvina Winslow, to March 1, 1881.	52 00
Daniel C. Bean, for support of Gale boy,	45 00
Thos. Elkins, wood delivered Jos. Robinson for County,	4 00
M. J. French, goods delivered Angenette Silloway,	2 82
" " Joseph Webster,	4 00
Jno. French, wood delivered Jos. Robinson for Co.	5 00
Geo. W. Sanborn, med. attendance "	21 00
J. H. Dearborn, " "	1 00
" " Gilman Dow, "	2 00
" " Joseph Webster,	7 00
County of Rockingham, support of John Brown, eighteen and one-half weeks,	55 00

Paid J. W. Collins for goods furnished Johanna Woodbury for County,	52 00
C. N. Colbath, coffin, box and services Dearborn tragedy,	13 00
B. F. Rowe, 1 1-2 M shingles for Gale house,	8 38
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Total,	\$406 44

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid W. L. Norfolk, labor and material, summer,	\$20 95
“ pathing snow, winter,	46 20
J. E. G. Lyford, labor, summer 1879,	4 00

DISTRICT No. 1 1-2.

John H. Judkins, labor and material, summer,	57 46
John W. Sanborn, acting surveyor, pathing snow,	30 15

DISTRICT No. 2.

James M. Philbrick, labor and material, summer,	43 40
“ pathing snow, winter,	8 85

John H. Furber, “ March, 1880,	5 00
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DISTRICT No. 3.

Alvin F. Davis, labor and material, summer,	44 41
“ pathing snow, winter,	20 80

DISTRICT No. 4.

Thos. Elkins, labor and material, summer,	18 32
“ pathing snow, winter,	21 37

DISTRICT No. 5.

James Bakie, labor and material, summer,	38 00
“ pathing snow, winter,	18 86

DISTRICT No. 6.

John B. French, labor and material, summer,	87 73
“ pathing snow, winter,	30 83

DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid Henry D. Webster, labor and material, summer,	70 05
" pathing snow, winter,	61 20

DISTRICT No. 8.

Orland Hunt, labor and material, summer,	66 55
" by Jas. W. Dorr,	13 75
" S. S. Peaslee,	2 10
O. H. Key, bridge timber, 1879,	8 16
Lawrence Barrett, labor 1879, summer,	1 00
Robert Varrell, pathing snow,	30 00
Orland Hunt, "	86 10
John H. Furber, labor and care of road maker,	18 00
Isaac W. Silloway, labor of men and team on roads and bridges,	46 17
John P. Sanborn, services as supervisor of roads and bridges, and labor on the same not paid for by surveyors, and purchasing road maker,	10 00
R. W. Silloway, services as supervisor of highways and bridges.	4 00

Amount of tax assessed for repairs of highways and bridges for 1880.	387 18
Cost of maintaining roads and bridges, summer 1880	540 89
" " winter " 359 36	
" " summer 1879, 1,081 33	

ABATEMENTS FOR 1879.

Geo. F. Carter, poll tax,	1 09
Levi B. Martin, taxes,	2 35
Warren P. Shaw, poll and school house tax,	1 35
Moses H. Tucker, " over 70,	1 35
Hiram F. Davis, "	1 35

Geo. A. Rogers,	"	1 35
Daniel F. Long,	poll,	1 09
Jonathan Foster,	"	1 09
Samuel B. Austin,	poll and horse,	1 41
Thomas O'Connell,	"	1 09
Daniel Brackett,	poll in 1878 and 1879,	2 23
Isaiah Tucker,	land over-taxed,	1 20
Rowell & Bartlett,	over-taxed,	10 24
Hilliard & Sanborn,		13 08
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		\$40 27

ABATEMENTS FOR 1880.

Lewis C. Smith,	poll and highway,	1 16
Albert Lord,	"	1 16
Hiram F. Davis,	poll and horse,	1 37
Frank Fogg,	poll, school-house and highway,	1 19
Michael Dunn,	half watering trough,	1 50
Enoch C. Carter,	"	1 50
Ora P. George,	poll and highway,	1 16
George W. Thompson,	"	1 16
David F. Winslow,	"	1 16
Albert Spring,	"	1 16
Charles L. Clark,	"	1 16
Rowell and Bartlett,	over-taxed,	5 98
Samuel Chase's heirs,	"	7 54
Calvin Wadleigh,	overtaxed,	2 32
David Bartlett,	"	23
Charles A. Randall,		1 62
John C. Dutch,	for M. Goodchild, cost,	1 45
Charles Elkins,		5 80
Boswell and Bartlett,		5 28

Frank Tucker, under age,	1 19
Nine dogs abated,	8 00
R. H. Davis, abated on two horses,	90
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	\$53 99

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For the year ending March 1st, 1881.

The Treasurer charges himself by receiving from all sources the sum of \$5,912 89.

The Treasurer discharges himself as follows, viz:

Paid State tax,	\$ 852 00
County tax,	1,273 61
Incidental expenses of the town as approved and ordered to be paid by the Selectmen for the year ending March 1st, 1881.	
Paid School tax,	978 55
School Dist. No. 3, School tax, due for 1879,	51 86
“ for repairs on school house,	225 00
Parsonage money,	303 04
Support of Poor,	406 44
Highways and bridges,	549 30
Abatements for 1879,	40 27
“ 1880,	53 99
Town Officers,	444 03
Breaking highways,	364 11
Miscellaneous,	355 03
Total expenses of the town for the year,	\$5,897 23

RECAPITULATION.

The amount the Treasurer has received,	\$5912	89
" " " has paid out,	5897	23
Remaining in the hands of the Treasurer,		\$15
Liabilities of the town March 1st, 1881,		66
Due from the town on parsonage fund,	\$5200	00
" School fund,	1260	00
" W. S. Clark, note,	300	00
" W. J. Bartlett, note,	100	00
" Sam'l. Webster, note,	120	00
" Interest on parsonage fund, 8	96	
Due Merrill Bros., Boston, for paints, oils, etc.,	63	83
		\$7052
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Due Gilman Clough for 1960 ft. of lumber.

Resources of the town March 1, 1881.

Due the town on B. F. Cram, collector bond for

1880,	\$60 00
" from John W. Prescott for grass,	13 25
" on Government bounties,	800 00
" from Elmer C. Carter, by order of court,	200 00
" from Elmer C. Carter, cost of prosecution, as per order of court,	61 95
" money in the hands of the Treas- urer,	15 66
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	\$1150 86
Amount of town debt, March 1, 1881,	\$5901 93
Amount of town debt March 1, 1880,	5202 93
Increase of town debt,	\$699 00

SAMUEL WEBSTER, Treasurer.

Kingston, Feb. 28, 1881.

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for 1880 and find them correctly cast and proper vouchers for the same.

A. C. CHASE, }
M. J. FRENCH, } Auditors.

THE ANNUAL REPORT
— OF THE —
Superintending School Committee.

For the year ending March 1, 1881.

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During the past year the schools of the town have been conducted on a system substantially the same as in previous years, with improvement noticeable in the 1st, 2nd and 5th Districts, while the 3rd District has maintained the standard accredited to it by the committee of last year. The 6th District has not been so fortunate as the others in the matter of progress, though perhaps had the teacher there been in a school-room associated with different traditions she might have been successful. There is plenty of material in this District capable of being developed into a high standard of scholarship, but it will require a teacher possessing that peculiar faculty of instruction which enables them to interest pupils by the practical application of principles, and a tact of government not dependent alone upon physical force.

Prudential Committees.—It is impossible to discover these qualities, or their absence, by any examination that an applicant can be subjected to. A teacher may be found to possess a thorough information in all branches, to be quick in perception and ready in wit, with avoirdupois sufficient to put at defiance our combined police force, and yet be a complete failure when subjected to the test of the school-room. It is therefore of the greatest importance that our Prudential Committees exercise

great caution in selecting teachers, and only procure those who have shown their tact by past experience. The good condition which our schools are in at present is due more to the good judgment our Prudential Committees have exercised in the selection of teachers than to any other cause, and we trust that the citizens of the several districts will continue to choose their committees with the welfare of their respective schools in view, rather than that of any particular individual.

Teachers.—Few teachers possess that happy faculty of adapting themselves to the individualities of their numerous pupils which enables them to impart information by associating principles with facts previously learned, and to develop ideas by the practical illustration of them. The pupil in Geography, who tells us of the shape, position, and motion of the earth, accounts for the tides, and says these things are made possible by reason of the “attraction of gravitation,” but who denies any idea of the nature of that force, and says he never saw its operation, when he is enabled to walk the earth only by reason of it and can’t open his eyes without witnessing a hundred phases of its operation, is as good an illustration of a boy learning a good deal and knowing nothing as can well be imagined; and yet teachers are numberless who consider their duties performed when they have asked a certain number of printed questions, and their pupils making remarkable progress if their memories are sufficiently strong to retain their answers long enough for the questions to be put. We should be particularly cautious of avoiding this class of teachers, who rely solely upon text-books as sources of information for their pupils, and who seem ignorant of the fact that scholars are often able to commit answers without a proper idea of their meaning.

System.—Upon our first visit to the schools we noticed an entire want of system in Geographies, occasioned by the use of different series of books, some of them being so antiquated that they served to no purpose but to

lead the pupil in paths long since abandoned by modern changes. We also found five different kinds of readers in use, mostly Sargent's, the publication of which has long been discontinued and therefore could not be supplied.

Though this lamentable state of affairs was not so great in Districts Nos. 2 and 3, yet there could be no question but that a complete and uniform system throughout the town would be extremely beneficial.

Books.—Impressed with this need we opened negotiations early last summer with several publishers in New York, which brought about a competition that enabled us to choose between three publishers at an even exchange. The result has been the introduction of complete and uniform series of Readers, Spellers and Geographies into all of our schools of the latest and best editions. Thus without expense we have been enabled to reap those advantages which must have made themselves manifest to all visiting our schools, both in the arrangement of classes and in the classification of studies, beside supplying our pupils with new books.

Compulsory attendance.—Our political fabric rests upon our common schools as a means of educating the masses who control our ballot boxes, and its perpetuity is assured to us only so long as we give to the youth of the land an insight into those elements of knowledge which will enable them to exercise their great political privileges with an eye to the common welfare. With this view our legislature has enacted certain statutes by which towns are enabled to compel the attendance at school of children between certain ages for a certain number of weeks. A vote of the town must be had to this effect however, and truant officers appointed to enforce the law. Without such a vote your committee simply has the power to bring an action against the parent to recover a penalty, which in most cases would not accomplish the desired result. We mention this because of requests to compel the attendance of children who spend their

time in idleness, instead of taking advantage of those inestimable privileges which our American free school system affords.

We would recommend to the consideration of our successor the suggestion of Mr. Waite, the Special Agent of the Interior Department, as to the advisability of requiring instruction to be given in the rudiments of political science, with special reference to the character and workings of the government and institutions of the United States, the privileges and obligations of citizenship, etc. This might be taught orally, using the chapters on Historical Geography in our new books as a basis, and by devoting an hour a week during a single term to its consideration might prove of lasting benefit.

Our thanks are due to John P. Sanborn, Esq., and to the Committee of last year for many valuable suggestions.

We append tables containing information usually furnished.

LOUIS G. HOYT.

Kingston, March 1, 1881.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

TEACHERS	Districts.	Terms.	Length in Weeks.	Amount of Money.			Average Attendance.	Wages per Month.	Children not attending 12 weeks as by law required.
Annie L. French.	No 1	1 12	\$143 22	21	\$20				3
Annie L. French,	"	2 14		28	24	20			
Annie F. Philbrick,	"	2							
Ella McDaniel,	No 2	1 11	\$280 45	38	\$32				11
Ella McDaniel,	"	2 10		40	34	32			
Ella McDaniel,	"	3 11		26	15	32			
Lennie E. Cheney,	No 3	1 10	\$209 32	30	\$33				1
Lennie E. Cheney,	"	2 11		32	29	33			
Bell C. Noyes,	"	3 7		13	10	33			
Mary J. Sanborn,	No 5	1 8	\$129 33	25	\$24				3
Belle C. Noyes,	"	2 12		38	34	24			
Effie F. Day,	No 6	1 10	\$176 40	34	\$24				11
Effie F. Day,	"	2 12		42	35	26			
Newton.	No 4		\$39						

No. of visits by Superintendent. 31.

ROLL OF HONOR.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Two terms.—None. *One term.*—Annie O. Burnsville.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Three terms.—None. *Two terms.*—Hattie E. Chase.
One term.—Allie May Marshall, Ella J. Philbrick, Orina
B. Hanson, Hattie M. Collins, Forest J. Hanson, Charles
A. Chase.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Three terms.—Lizzie E. Sanborn, Frank W. Abrams,
Fred E. Webster. *Two terms.*—Cora Webster. *One
term.*—Emma Prescott, Clara Nichols, Lizzie D. Patten,
Leveritte Downing, Eddie R. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Two terms.—Willie Nason. *One term.*—Lewis W.
Davis, Seth F. Davis.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Two terms.—None. *One term.*—Lizzie E. Bartlett,
Elmer A. Collins, Chas. S. Collins.